

Planning Committee – Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th May, 2009.

Present:- Councillors Dodds (Chair), Dale-Gough, A S Dhaliwal, Finn, Maclsaac (until 7.18 p.m.), Pantelic and Plimmer.

Also present under Councillor Davis.

Procedure Rule 30:-

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Swindlehurst.

PART I

89. Declarations of Interest

None.

90. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15th April, 2009 were approved as a correct record.

91. Planning Applications

Details were tabled in the amendment sheet of alterations and amendments received to applications since the agenda was circulated, together with further representations and/or petitions received.

Resolved – That the following decisions be taken in respect of the planning applications set out below, subject to the information, including conditions and informatives set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Policy and the amendment sheet circulated at the meeting, and subject to any further amendments and conditions agreed by the Committee as indicated below:-

Application No.	Proposed Development	Decision
P/14534/000	47, Cippenham Lane, Slough- Construction of a front bay window with pitched roof and single storey rear extension with a flat roof.	Approved subject to conditions
S/00071/045	Compair House, Brunel Way, Slough- Demolition of the existing building Compair House and provision of a new Slough Bus Station facility , including a new access road from William Street, ancillary operational facilities, feature canopy, public realm works and associated infrastructure.	Approved in principle and agreement to conditions and any further minor amendments delegated to the Head of Planning and Strategic Policy.

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P/02272/009	<p>Brunel Bus Station Site, Wellington Street, Slough-Redevelopment of the existing Brunel Bus Station and public car park on Wellington street and the construction of a phased office-led mixed use development. Full planning permission is sought for building 1 which will comprise of 12,365 sq m (GFA) of office (11,163 sq m GIA) and retail (199 sq m GIA) floorspace with shared basement parking serving buildings 1 & 2 (6,584 sq m GEA) and associated landscaping and plant. The application includes vehicular access and egress onto Brunel Way, egress onto Williams Street and alterations to the entrance to the Wellington Street subway.</p> <p>Outline planning permission is sought for building 2 which will comprise of up to 22,223 sq m (GEA) of office (20,115 sq m GIA) and retail (316 sq m GIA) floorspace. matters for approval include access, scale, layout and landscaping. details of appearance to be reserved.</p>	<p>Delegated to the Head of Planning and Strategic Policy and the Borough Secretary for the signing of a Section 106 legal agreement and to agree any subsequent minor amendments to the planning application or legal agreement.</p>
P/12601/009	<p>Datchet Meadows, (Formerly: New Tithe Court), Datchet Road, Slough-Application to vary the siting of the building granted outline planning permission under P12601/006 for construction of a part three, part four storey building to provide 35 no. flats, comprising of 4 no. one bedroom, 30 no two bedroom and 1 no. three bedroom flats, with 58 no. parking spaces (retrospective).</p>	<p>Approved subject to conditions</p>

92. Update on Performance regarding speed of determination of planning applications

The Head of Development Control outlined a report to update the Committee on the performance of the planning section on national performance indicators relating to the speed of determination of major, minor and other planning applications, including householder applications.

The Officer advised that once again in the case of minor and other categories of planning applications, performance had been maintained at a standard much higher than the required target. It was noted that 90% of other applications which included householder applications, were dealt within the 8 week period for the complete year 2008/09, compared to 91% for the previous year (2007/08). For minor applications the figure was 85% and this was still well in excess of the government's target of 65%. Performance on major

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applications had been strong for the last 2 years and the figure of 70% for 2008/09 exceeded the government target of 60% but was a little below the performance of 2007/08.

The Committee was advised that there was a high proportion of major applications where decisions remained to be taken and these were currently working their way through the system and accounted for the drop in performance compared with the previous year.

In conclusion the Officer advised that this was the fourth year running that all three indicators on performance under NI 157 were met and exceeded and it was important that the performance levels were maintained in the interests of delivering an efficient and effective planning service.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

93. Planning Appeal Decisions

The Committee noted the receipt of various planning appeal decisions.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

94. Authorised Enforcements and Prosecutions

The Committee noted the status of various ongoing enforcement and prosecution cases .

Resolved - That the report be noted.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 7.30 pm)